Definitions

MiLES

Milwaukee Enrollment Services

State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Responsible for eligibility for Foodshare, Medical and Child Care benefits

MECA

Milwaukee Early Care Administration

State of Wisconsin Department of Children & Families

Responsible for creating the authorization

Wisconsin Shares

Is a subsidy program that helps families pay for child care. If the parent is eligible, child care can be subsidized for children under the age of 13 (up to 19 if special needs).

W2

Wisconsin Works

Employment support program case managed by FEPs (Financial Employment Planner) who can make a referral for a child care authorization.

FSET

Food Stamp Employment & Training

Employment & training program case managed by FSET workers who can make a referral for a child care authorization.

Authorization

States which children are authorized for care, the provider they are authorized to attend, the amount of authorized hours, and the date the authorization begins and ends.

Provider Number

A ten digit number that identifies a licensed or certified provider. A child care provider must have a provider number in order to participate in the WI Shares program.

Provider Location Number

A three digit number that identifies a daycare provider based on the number of sites that provider has. If the provider only has one site, the location number will be 001. If the provider has 2+ sites, the provider number will start at 002 and go up from there.